

**CIT Minutes**  
**Oct. 26, 2009**

**Model Drawing in Math** – Overview from Nanette Thomas, Math SIS. Students learn how to reflectively read a problem and represent it in a way that helps them visualize the information being given and select the corresponding operation. Grades 2, 3, and 4 have already started implementation.

**DRA2** – Overview from Tori Moxley, Language Arts SIS. Biggest change is that we now determine an independent reading level versus instructional level. Fiction, non-fiction and writing all included.

**Beginning Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program (BTIM Grand Cycle 2)**

Our school is participating in a TEA grant that provides support to our first-year teachers and our second-year teachers. These new teachers meet 45 minutes a week with their mentors and are observed twice in the spring and three in the fall for mentor feedback. The mentors receive district and state approved training.

**Vertical Alignment Meetings on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

Team Leaders and CIT create guiding questions. Meet with grade above and grade below. One topic for this year: Homework alignment

**Construction update – Campus and Piney Point**

We met with campus group and PBK Architects last week to discuss upcoming campus improvements. Working to put together a bid package to see how much work we can afford to have done.

We also met with Piney Point engineers to discuss possible Smithdale road improvements. An effort will be made to accomplish most of the construction work during the summer months.

**Update on staff development**

Page 3 Activity 6– Teaching vocabulary in and out of context.

Page 4 Activity 7 – Problem solving model implemented by N. Thomas and instruction has begun

Activity 8 – ESL training on Jan. by our TOSA instructor

Page 7 Activity 1 – 40 Developmental Assets - Jerona Williams coming to faculty meeting this week.

Page 9 Activity 6 – Red Ribbon Week was held last week. Young Audience performed on being drug and smoke free.

Page 17 Activity 2 – Providing training in DRA2 for two hours of training for classroom teachers during the school day.

**Update on technology**

All ActivBoards installed and in use grades 1-5. Training next week on document cameras.

**Spelling Bee**

Tori Moxley and Ms. Epey have volunteered to chair. Dec.7 for class contests. Jan. 10 will be schoolwide contest.